

Public Chapter 320

SENATE BILL NO. 5

By Cooper

Substituted for: House Bill No. 48

By Fowlkes

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 86, relative to public safety dispatchers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-201(b), is amended by adding the following language at the end of subdivision (3):

provided however, this requirement shall not apply to public safety dispatchers who, on the effective date of this act, have at least ten (10) years experience as a public safety dispatcher and are public safety dispatchers in a city having a population of not less than eight hundred sixty (860) nor more than eight hundred seventy (870) which is located in any county having a population of not less than twenty-five thousand seven hundred (25,700) nor more than twenty-six thousand (26,000) and in any county having a population of not less than twenty-eight thousand one hundred (28,100) nor more than twenty-eight thousand four hundred (28,400), all according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-201, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection to be appropriately designated:

() Notwithstanding any other provision of this act or of subdivision (b)(3) of this section to the contrary, a person shall be deemed to meet the requirements of subdivision (b)(3) if such person has ten (10) years experience as a public safety dispatcher or thirty (30) years experience in emergency services or communications management.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.